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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 315
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 9:00 a.m., 14 May 1958**

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Chairman

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Colonel Ridgely D. Kemp, AFCIN**

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3. The Chairman stated that he would keep the members advised of developments in this regard,

Middle East Requirements

4. The ARC took stock of its current views of needs for intelligence in the Middle East area, taking note of inhibitions imposed upon attaches [redacted] and other limitations in overt reporting. The ARC is not aware of any positive information which would lead it to strongly recommend operations for Middle East coverage as compared to its needs in the Soviet Bloc. However, in view of the considerable length of time since general coverage of the Middle East, it would be helpful if there was such coverage now. The Navy particularly is eager to discern the nature of [redacted]

In the event that the Project were to initiate coverage of the Middle East countries in connection with meeting operational needs (such as testing) or by direction of higher authority, the ARC members will wish to register their requirements with Operations.

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Peripheral Flights

5. The ARC, in pursuance of a request from the Special Assistant to the Director for Planning and Development (SA/PD/DCI) (Mr. Bissell), reconsidered its views on peripheral ELINT and oblique photographic missions as previously stated in ARC-M-78 paragraph 8 [redacted] 15 March 1958) and ARC-M-80 paragraph 3 [redacted] 23 April 1958). The ARC confirms that its views of peripheral oblique photographic missions are still valid though the offshore distance will extend to twenty miles as opposed to the minimum distance offshore of three miles hitherto noted. The ARC reaffirms the significant value which it anticipates would accrue from both types of peripheral missions. It confirmed its view as stated in paragraph 3 of ARC-M-80 as to reconciling problems which might arise should there be competition for limited operational resources between ELINT and photographic missions.

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6. The Intelligence Officer stated that past procedure would be applied wherein intelligence guidance is sought from the participating agencies prior to specific mission planning.

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